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Re: Application of: Antti LEINONEN et al.
Serial No.: Not Yet Known
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For: **LOADING DEVICE INCLUDING A
LOADING MEMBER FOR
SUPPORTING AND DEWATERING A
WEB FORMING WIRE**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 2000

Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 which lists references cited in the specification of the application. A copy of each of the references is submitted herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence and/or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as "first class mail" in an envelope addressed to "Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231" on December 18, 2000.
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FI 90673, cited in the application, corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,387,320, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

FI 95935, cited in the application, corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,695,613, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

FI 100543, cited in the application, corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,077,835, a copy of which is enclosed herewith.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the publications called to the Examiner's attention herein, applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a reference asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

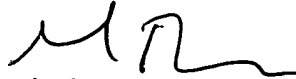
Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed together with the application thus no fee is due for its submission.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,


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